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SUBJ: EWG MEETING FEB 14 ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

REF: A. STATE 024239

B. USNATO 0209

C. USNATO 0382

D. USNATO 0772

SUMMARY: DURING MEETING FEB 14, EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) REVISED DECISION SHEET AC/281-DS(74)1 (REF C) PERTAINING TO FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. RESULTING PROGRAM BETTER REFLECTS US DESIRE FOR EWG TO CONTINUE BOTH AD 70 AND BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING STUDIES. END SUMMARY

1. FEB 14 EWG MEETING CONVENED AT REQUEST OF US TO CORRECT

DISCREPANCIES IN DECISION SHEET (REF C) FROM JAN 15 MEETING. MAJOR ISSUE WAS AGAIN RELATIVE UTILITY OF COMBINING VARIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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EWG BASIC ISSUES, AD 70 AND FORCE PLANNING EXERCISES VIS A VIS CONTINUING THEM AS SEPARATE ACTION PROGRAMS.

2. US REP (PRENDERGAST) PRESENTED RATIONALE FOR SEPARATE AD 70

AND BASIC ISSUE STUDIES, INCLUSION OF MAJOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS IN AD 70 REPORT, AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. ITALIAN REP CALLED FOR MERGED AD 70-BASIC ISSUE PROGRAM WITH CRITICAL AREAS HIGHLIGHTED IN NORMAL FORCE PLANNING EXERCISE. MC REP GENERALLY ENDORSED ITALIAN POSITION AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING PROGRAM BE DELETED FROM 1974 AD 70 SPRING REPORT. TURKISH REP REQUESTED THAT STUDY BY EWG SUBTROUP ON STRENGTHENING OF GREEK AND TURKISH FORCES BE TREATED AS BASIC ISSUES EXERCISE AND SACLANT REP STATED THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT TWO ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES CANDIDATES IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. CHAIRMAN PANSA SUMMARIZED LENGTHY DISCUSSION BY CITING EMERGING EWG CONSENSUS ON WORK PROGRAM TO CONTINUE SEPARATE AD 70 AND BASIC ISSUES EXERCISES. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S THREE ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES AND BRIEF COVERAGE OF KANOR AD 70 SUPPORTING PROGRAMS WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. PANSA DEFERRED DECISION AS TO HOW TO ORGANIZE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS IN JUNE PENDING EVALUATION OF THE COMPLETED STUDIES.

4. DRAFT OF REVISED DECISION SHEET WILL BE CIRCULATED AMONG EWG REPS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. DESPITE CONTINUING RELUCTANCE OF IS TO ABSORB AMBITIOUS WORK PROGRAM, REVISED DRAFT WILL GENERALLY REFLECT US POSITION IF IT FAITHFULLY REPORTS DECISIONS REACHED AT THE EWG MEETING.

5. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION ESTIMATES OF SCHEDULES FOR EWG/DRC WORK AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REF A:

A. FORCE GOALS: MC ACTED UPON FORCE PROPOSALS FEB 14 AND WILL FINALIZE REPORT FORWARDING PROPOSALS TO DPC SHORTLY. DRC IS TO DISCUSS FORCE PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS ON FEB 21. DRC COUNTRY REVIEW OF FORCE PROPOSALS IS NOT EXPECTED TO BEGIN UNTIL MARCH. IS ESTIMATES DPC WILL MEET WITHIN 10 DAYS TO ADDRESS POINTS IN LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD (REF D). THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE DPC COULD ADOPT  
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NATO FORCE GOALS IS LATE MARCH.

B. AD 70: EWG WILL BEGIN ON 15 MARCH.

C. BASIC ISSUES: REPORTS DURING MAR AND APR ON WORK IN PROGRESS.

D. SPECIALIZATION: NATO SPECIALIZATION STEERING GROUP MEETS FEB 20 TO DETERMINE COURSE OF FURTHER STUDY. RUMSFELD

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